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In re Application of  
Thomas A. Silvestrini  
Application No. 08/993,946  
Filed: December 18, 1997  
Attorney Docket No. AT 2036.00

**ON PETITION**

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed March 7, 2003, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The above-identified application became abandoned as a result of petitioner's failure to file an appeal brief (and fee required by 37 CFR 1.17(c)) within the time period provided in 37 CFR 1.192(a). An Amendment and a five-month extension of time were filed on January 27, 2002. As an appeal brief (and appeal brief fee) was not filed within two (2) months of the Notice of Appeal filed July 1, 2002 (certificate of mailing June 18, 2002), the appeal was dismissed and the proceedings as to the rejected claims were terminated. See 37 CFR 1.192(b) & 1.197(c). As no claim was allowed, the above-identified application became abandoned on January 28, 2002. See MPEP 1215.04.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Latrice Bond at (703) 308-6911.

The application file is being forwarded to Technology Center AU 3738 for processing the Request for Continued Examination under 37 CFR 1.114 filed with the instant petition.

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